REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended. The amendments to claim 1 are based on prior claims 2 and 7 as well as specification, page 35, line 24 through page 36, and Figure 13. More specifically, amended claim 1 requires the display apparatus as illustrated in Figure 13.

Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled. Other claims have been amended as to form.

In view of the present amendments, applicants believe that the informality as to claim 11 has been satisfied as well as the stated basis for rejection under §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

The previously pending claims were rejected as anticipated by KAWAI EP 1098376.

The cited reference KAWAI does not disclose the combination of features recited by amended claim 1. Specifically, KAWAI does not disclose "transmission areas do not have the first electroluminescence emission layer" and "each of the plurality of second emission areas has a second electroluminescence emission layer which emits the light which passes through the transmission area (i.e. the portion on which the first electroluminescence emission layer does not exist)".

KAWAI does not disclose that "the second electroluminescence emission layer is disposed on a portion which faces to the transmission areas and does not face to the first electroluminenscence emission layer".

More specifically, in KAWAI, the hole-transporting layer 402 and the electron-transporting layer 403 are disposed not only on the first cathode 404 but also on the aperture 405. This means that the second electroluminescence emission layer (i.e. the hole-transporting layer 402 and the electron-transporting layer 403 in KAWAI) faces not only to the transmission area (i.e. the aperture 205 in KAWAI) but also to the first electroluminescence emission layer (i.e. the hole-transporting layer 202 and the electron-transporting layer 203 in KAWAI). Furthermore, the aperture 205 in KAWAI is disposed on the electron-transporting layer 203. This means that the aperture 205 in KAWAI is different from the transmission area in amended claim 1, because the transmission area in amended claim 1 does not have the first electroluminescence emission layer.

In contrast, in the invention recited in amended claim 1, the second electroluminescence emission layer is disposed on a portion which faces to the transmission areas and does not face to the first electroluminescence emission layer. For this, it is only necessary to dispose the second electroluminescence emission layer on the minimum of portion in the second display unit, so that the cost for producing the display apparatus becomes low,

while (i) it is possible to avoid the adverse effect in which the light emitted from the first electroluminescence emission layer propagates to the second display unit and forms a ghost image or a false image at a visible level to the viewer and (ii) generation of a noise light can be reduced or avoided (see page 34, lines 8-20 and page 34, line 26 to page 35, line 9). This effect cannot be obtained by the disclosure of KAWAI.

In view of these differences, it is clear that claim 1 is not anticipated.

Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to be patentable. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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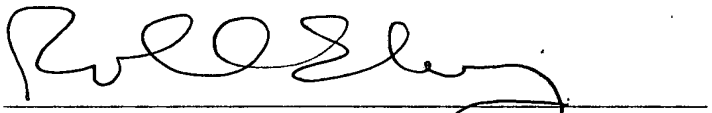

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